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**REMARKS**

Claims 1-52 are in the application.

Claims 1-52 are subject to restriction under 35 USC 121 as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-18 and 47-52, drawn to a method of forming an electrolyte, classified in class 204, subclass 484.

Group II: Claims 19-46, drawn to a fuel cell system and subcombinations, classified in class 429, subclass 30.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the Group I set of claims (Claims 1-13 and 47-52) Applicants expressly reserve the right to file one or more continuation or divisional applications to any of the non-elected claims or similar claims, or with claims to any subject matter disclosed in the present application.

The application is considered to be in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to take such action. If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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